

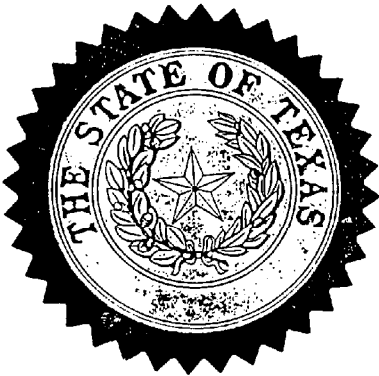
OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

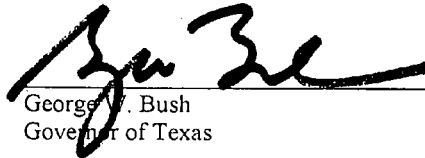
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto **House Bill No. 2977** because of the following objections:

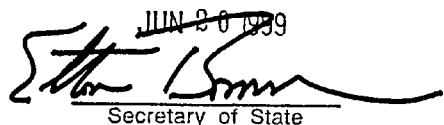
The general purpose of HB 2977, to encourage development of a regional flood control plan for Harris County, is sound. However, the bill contains a provision which eliminates the state's role in protecting water quality for development projects on wetlands. This provision could weaken water quality protection and invite additional federal involvement in environmental matters.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1999.




George W. Bush
Governor of Texas

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